

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

VOTE

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER,

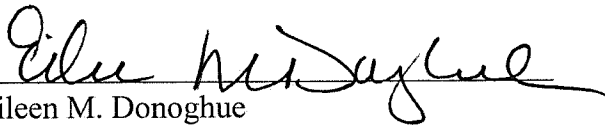
A supplemental appropriation to raise from Cherry sheet estimated receipts and appropriate to the Lowell Public Schools.

ORDERED,

By the City Council of the City of Lowell, as follows:

That the amount of **Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty and 00/100 (\$2,954,280.00) Dollars** be hereby further appropriated by raising from Cherry sheet estimated receipts and appropriating to the Lowell Public School Department, for further allocation by the Lowell School Committee:

ORDER RECOMMENDED AND INTRODUCED BY:



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Supplemental Appropriation - Exhibit "A"

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Reason for Transfer:

To appropriate additional Chapter 70 money for use by school department

Department Signature

Chief Financial Officer

8/6/19

FY2020 Preliminary Cherry Sheet Estimates

Lowell

	FY2019 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2020 Governor's Budget Proposal	FY2020 House Budget Proposal	FY2020 Senate Budget Proposal	FY2020 Conference Committee
Education Receipts:					
Chapter 70	150,935,483	156,632,552	160,069,667	163,023,947	163,023,947
School Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	3,018,590	3,772,731	4,175,591	3,989,594	3,922,994
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
Offset Receipts:					
School Choice Receiving Tuition	75,653	79,903	79,903	79,903	57,108
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	154,029,726	162,485,286	164,325,161	167,093,444	167,004,049
General Government:					
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	26,043,352	26,746,523	26,746,523	26,746,523	26,746,523
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0	0	0
Urban Revitalization	509,000	0	0	0	0
Veterans Benefits	511,345	507,446	507,446	507,446	507,446
Exempt VBS and Elderly	283,856	284,359	284,359	284,359	284,359
State Owned Land	198,479	199,746	199,746	210,420	209,228
Offset Receipts:					
Public Libraries	174,489	176,827	181,309	182,132	182,965
Sub-Total, All General Government:	27,720,521	27,914,901	27,919,363	27,930,860	27,930,511
Total Estimated Receipts:					
	181,750,247	190,400,187	192,244,544	195,024,324	194,934,560



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

August 6, 2019

Mayor William J. Samaras
and
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the Lowell City Council:

I am hereby requesting that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation to allocate the additional Chapter 70 funds approved by the Commonwealth in the FY2020 budget. When passing the city's FY2020 budget in June, the Council conservatively used the House's budget figure for Chapter 70—as the State had not yet concluded budget deliberation and the final number was unknown. Ultimately, the Conference Committee ended up passing a budget with a higher total for municipal education aid and Lowell's apportionment was increased by approximately \$2.95 million.

Procedurally, the Council must appropriate a supplemental amount equal to the difference between the number passed in June and the state total in order for the schools to access the money. This action needs to take place prior to the time that the city sets the fiscal year 2020 tax rate. Pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, a city or town appropriating body shall not allocate appropriations among accounts or place any restriction on such appropriations. (Chapter 70 § 34). Therefore, the amount recommended for appropriation is not restricted in any way.

The enclosed vote will provide the school district with immediate funding for FY2020 budget. Please let me know if there are any questions. I am hereby requesting that the City Council approve a supplemental.

Sincerely,


Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Cc: Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools
Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Billie Jo Turner, Business Manager, Schools